electro-optical layer in which layer an electrode pattern is formed corresponding to a

predetermined segment pattern.

RESPONSE

Claims 1-12 have been cancelled and new claims 12-24 have been added so that

claims 12-24 are now in the application.

The Examiner rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112. In response the claims

have been reworded. The invention in fact is based on a better understanding of the mechanism

of light distribution during refraction in the integrated light guide device.

This knowledge results in a lot of freedom in the choice of the geometry and

therewith in the functioning of devices architected according to the invention.

Methods according to the invention are thus not periodicity dependent as they are

in prior art methods.

The possibility to choose a predetermined arbitrary length distribution for a row

of segments of one type is surely not indicated in the prior art; to the contrary, such a freedom is

strictly forbidden due to the forced periodicity which indeed was a necessity under the restricted

understanding then available.

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